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A Senator who on the date this subdivision is agreed to is serving on the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, may, during the One Hundred Fourth Congress, also serve as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, but in no event may such Senator serve, by reason of this subdivision, as a member of more than three committees listed in paragraph 2.

A Senator who on the date this subdivision is agreed to is serving on the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, may, during the One Hundred Fourth Congress, also serve as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, but in no event may such Senator serve, by reason of this subdivision, as a member of more than three committees listed in paragraph 2.

SENATE RESOLUTION 30—MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 30

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following standing committees for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Craig, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Grams, Mr. Jeffords, and Mr. Burns.

Committee on Environmental and Public Works: Mr. Chafee, Mr. Warner, Mr. Smith, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Kempthorne, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McConnell and, Mr. Bond.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Helms, Mr. Lugar, Mrs. Kassebaum, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coverdell, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Grams, and Mr. Ashcroft.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF DEEP WATER ROYALTY RELIEF ACT

JOHNSTON AMENDMENT NO. 2

(Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.)

Mr. JOHNSTON submitted an amendment to the bill (S. 158) to provide for the energy security of the Nation through the production of domestic oil and gas resources in deep water on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of S. ____ add a new section as follows, numbered appropriately:

"SEC. ____ FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—Sec. 1016(c)(1) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-380) is amended by adding "up to" before "\$150 million".

THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995

LEVIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2) to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch of the Federal Government; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE ____—LOBBYING AND GIFT REFORM SEC. ____01. LOBBYING REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE.

It is the sense of the Senate that the current lobbying regulation and disclosure laws are flawed and inadequate and that as soon as possible during the first session of the 104th Congress, the Senate should adopt legislation to reform these laws.

SEC. ____02. AMENDMENTS TO SENATE RULES.

Rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

"1. (a) No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate shall accept a gift, knowing that such gift is provided by a lobbyist registered under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act or any successor statute or an agent of a foreign principal registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

"(b) The prohibition in subparagraph (a) includes the following:

"(1) Anything provided by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal which is paid for, charged to, or reimbursed by a client or firm of such lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

"(2) Anything provided by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal to an entity that is maintained or controlled by a Member, officer, or employee.

"(3) A charitable contribution (as defined in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal on the basis of a designation, recommendation, or other specification of a Member, officer, or employee (not including a mass mailing or other solicitation directed to a broad category of persons or entities).

"(4) A contribution or other payment by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal to a legal expense fund established for the benefit of a Member, officer, or employee.

"(5) A charitable contribution (as defined in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal in lieu of an honorarium to a Member, officer, or employee.

"(6) A financial contribution or expenditure made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal relating to a conference, retreat, or similar event, sponsored by or affiliated with an official congressional organization, for or on behalf Members, officers, or employees.

"(c) The following are not gifts subject to the prohibition in subparagraph (a):

"(1) Anything for which the recipient pays the market value, or does not use and promptly returns to the donor.

"(2) A contribution, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) that is lawfully made under that Act, or attendance at a fundraising event sponsored by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"(3) Food or refreshments of nominal value offered other than as part of a meal.

"(4) Benefits resulting from the business, employment, or other outside activities of

the spouse of a member, officer, or employee, if such benefits are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.

"(5) Pension and other benefits resulting from continued participation in an employee welfare and benefits plan maintained by a former employer.

"(6) Informational materials that are sent to the office of a Member, officer, or employee in the form of books, articles, periodicals, other written materials, audiotapes, videotapes, or other forms of communication.

"(d)(1) A gift given by an individual under circumstances which make it clear that the gift is given for a nonbusiness purpose and is motivated by a family relationship or close personal friendship and not by the position of the Member, officer, or employee shall not be subject to the prohibition in subparagraph (a).

"(2) A gift shall not be considered to be given for a nonbusiness purpose if the individual giving the gift seeks—

"(A) to deduct the value of such gift as a business expense on the individual's Federal income tax return, or

"(B) direct or indirect reimbursement or any other compensation for the value of the gift from a client or employer of such lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

"(3) In determining if the giving of a gift is motivated by a family relationship or close personal friendship, at least the following factors shall be considered:

"(A) The history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including whether or not gifts have previously been exchanged by such individuals.

"(B) Whether the gift was purchased by the individual who gave the item.

"(C) Whether the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other Members, officers, or employees.

"2. (a) In addition to the restriction on receiving gifts from registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and agents of foreign principals provided by paragraph 1 and except as provided in this Rule, no Member, officer, or employee of the Senate shall knowingly accept a gift from any other person.

"(b)(1) For the purpose of this Rule, the term 'gift' means any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. The term includes gifts of services, training, transportation, lodging, and meals, whether provided in kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance, or reimbursement after the expense has been incurred.

"(2) A gift to the spouse or dependent of a Member, officer, or employee (or a gift to any other individual based on that individual's relationship with the Member, officer, or employee) shall be considered a gift to the Member, officer, or employee if it is given with the knowledge and acquiescence of the Member, officer, or employee and the Member, officer, or employee has reason to believe the gift was given because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee.

"(c) The restrictions in subparagraph (a) shall not apply to the following:

"(1) Anything for which the Member, officer, or employee pays the market value, or does not use and promptly returns to the donor.

"(2) A contribution, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) that is lawfully made under that Act, or attendance at a fundraising event sponsored by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"(3) Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal or family relationship unless the Member, officer, or employee has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee and not because of the personal or family relationship. The Select Committee on Ethics shall provide guidance on the applicability of this clause and examples of circumstances under which a gift may be accepted under this exception.

"(4) A contribution or other payment to a legal expense fund established for the benefit of a Member, officer, or employee, that is otherwise lawfully made, if the person making the contribution or payment is identified for the Select Committee on Ethics.

"(5) Any food or refreshments which the recipient reasonably believes to have a value of less than \$20.

"(6) Any gift from another Member, officer, or employee of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

"(7) Food, refreshments, lodging, and other benefits—

"(A) resulting from the outside business or employment activities (or other outside activities that are not connected to the duties of the Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder) of the Member, officer, or employee, or the spouse of the Member, officer, or employee, if such benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances;

"(B) customarily provided by a prospective employer in connection with bona fide employment discussions; or

"(C) provided by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in connection with a fundraising or campaign event sponsored by such an organization.

"(8) Pension and other benefits resulting from continued participation in an employee welfare and benefits plan maintained by a former employer.

"(9) Informational materials that are sent to the office of the Member, officer, or employee in the form of books, articles, periodicals, other written materials, audiotapes, videotapes, or other forms of communication.

"(10) Awards or prizes which are given to competitors in contests or events open to the public, including random drawings.

"(11) Honorary degrees (and associated travel, food, refreshments, and entertainment) and other bona fide, nonmonetary awards presented in recognition of public service (and associated food, refreshments, and entertainment provided in the presentation of such degrees and awards).

"(12) Donations of products from the State that the Member represents that are intended primarily for promotional purposes, such as display or free distribution, and are of minimal value to any individual recipient.

"(13) Food, refreshments, and entertainment provided to a Member or an employee of a Member in the Member's home State, subject to reasonable limitations, to be established by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

"(14) An item of little intrinsic value such as a greeting card, baseball cap, or a T shirt.

"(15) Training (including food and refreshments furnished to all attendees as an integral part of the training) provided to a Member, officer, or employee, if such training is in the interest of the Senate.

"(16) Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death.

"(17) Any item, the receipt of which is authorized by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, or any other statute.

"(18) Anything which is paid for by the Federal Government, by a State or local government, or secured by the Government under a Government contract.

"(19) A gift of personal hospitality of an individual, as defined in section 109(14) of the Ethics in Government Act.

"(20) Free attendance at a widely attended event permitted pursuant to subparagraph (d).

"(21) Opportunities and benefits which are—

"(A) available to the public or to a class consisting of all Federal employees, whether or not restricted on the basis of geographic consideration;

"(B) offered to members of a group or class in which membership is unrelated to congressional employment;

"(C) offered to members of an organization, such as an employees' association or congressional credit union, in which membership is related to congressional employment and similar opportunities are available to large segments of the public through organizations of similar size;

"(D) offered to any group or class that is not defined in a manner that specifically discriminates among Government employees on the basis of branch of Government or type of responsibility, or on a basis that favors those of higher rank or rate of pay;

"(E) in the form of loans from banks and other financial institutions on terms generally available to the public; or

"(F) in the form of reduced membership or other fees for participation in organization activities offered to all Government employees by professional organizations if the only restrictions on membership relate to professional qualifications.

"(22) A plaque, trophy, or other memento of modest value.

"(23) Anything for which, in an unusual case, a waiver is granted by the Select Committee on Ethics.

"(d)(1) Except as prohibited by paragraph 1, a Member, officer, or employee may accept an offer of free attendance at a widely attended convention, conference, symposium, forum, panel discussion, dinner, viewing, reception, or similar event, provided by the sponsor of the event, if—

"(A) the Member, officer, or employee participates in the event as a speaker or a panel participant, by presenting information related to Congress or matters before Congress, or by performing a ceremonial function appropriate to the Member's, officer's, or employee's official position; or

"(B) attendance at the event is appropriate to the performance of the official duties or representative function of the Member, officer, or employee.

"(2) A Member, officer, or employee who attends an event described in clause (1) may accept a sponsor's unsolicited offer of free attendance at the event for an accompanying individual if others in attendance will generally be similarly accompanied or if such attendance is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

"(3) Except as prohibited by paragraph 1, a Member, officer, or employee, or the spouse or dependent thereof, may accept a sponsor's unsolicited offer of free attendance at a charity event, except that reimbursement for transportation and lodging may not be accepted in connection with the event.

"(4) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'free attendance' may include waiver of all or part of a conference or other fee, the provision of local transportation, or the provision of food, refreshments, entertainment, and instructional materials furnished to all attendees as an integral part of the event. The term does not include entertainment collateral to the event, or food or refresh-

ments taken other than in a group setting with all or substantially all other attendees.

"(e) No Member, officer, or employee may accept a gift the value of which exceeds \$250 on the basis of the personal relationship exception in subparagraph (c)(3) or the close personal friendship exception in section 106(d) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1994 unless the Select Committee on Ethics issues a written determination that one of such exceptions applies.

"(f)(1) The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to adjust the dollar amount referred to in subparagraph (c)(5) on a periodic basis, to the extent necessary to adjust for inflation.

"(2) The Select Committee on Ethics shall provide guidance setting forth reasonable steps that may be taken by Members, officers, and employees, with a minimum of paperwork and time, to prevent the acceptance of prohibited gifts from lobbyists.

"(3) When it is not practicable to return a tangible item because it is perishable, the item may, at the discretion of the recipient, be given to an appropriate charity or destroyed.

"3. (a)(1) Except as prohibited by paragraph 1, a reimbursement (including payment in kind) to a Member, officer, or employee for necessary transportation, lodging and related expenses for travel to a meeting, speaking engagement, factfinding trip or similar event in connection with the duties of the Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder shall be deemed to be a reimbursement to the Senate and not a gift prohibited by this Rule, if the Member, officer, or employee—

"(A) in the case of an employee, receives advance authorization, from the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works, to accept reimbursement, and

"(B) discloses the expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed and the authorization to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days after the travel is completed.

"(2) For purposes of clause (1), events, the activities of which are substantially recreational in nature, shall not be considered to be in connection with the duties of a Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder.

"(b) Each advance authorization to accept reimbursement shall be signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works and shall include—

"(1) the name of the employee;

"(2) the name of the person who will make the reimbursement;

"(3) the time, place, and purpose of the travel; and

"(4) a determination that the travel is in connection with the duties of the employee as an officeholder and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

"(c) Each disclosure made under subparagraph (a)(1) of expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed shall be signed by the Member or officer (in the case of travel by that Member or officer) or by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works (in the case of travel by an employee) and shall include—

"(1) a good faith estimate of total transportation expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(2) a good faith estimate of total lodging expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(3) a good faith estimate of total meal expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(4) a good faith estimate of the total of other expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(5) a determination that all such expenses are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in this paragraph; and

"(6) in the case of a reimbursement to a Member or officer, a determination that the travel was in connection with the duties of the Member or officer as an officeholder and would not create the appearance that the Member or officer is using public office for private gain.

"(d) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 'necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses'—

"(1) includes reasonable expenses that are necessary for travel for a period not exceeding 3 days exclusive of travel time within the United States or 7 days exclusive of travel time outside of the United States unless approved in advance by the Select Committee on Ethics;

"(2) is limited to reasonable expenditures for transportation, lodging, conference fees and materials, and food and refreshments, including reimbursement for necessary transportation, whether or not such transportation occurs within the periods described in clause (1);

"(3) does not include expenditures for recreational activities, or entertainment other than that provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event; and

"(4) may include travel expenses incurred on behalf of either the spouse or a child of the Member, officer, or employee, subject to a determination signed by the Member or officer (or in the case of an employee, the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works) that the attendance of the spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

"(e) The Secretary of the Senate shall make available to the public all advance authorizations and disclosures of reimbursement filed pursuant to subparagraph (a) as soon as possible after they are received."

SEC. 403. AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RULES.

Clause 4 of rule XLIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

"4. (a)(1) No Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall accept a gift, knowing that such gift is provided directly or indirectly by a lobbyist registered under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act or any successor statute, or an agent of a foreign principal registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

"(2) The prohibition in subparagraph (1) includes the following:

"(A) Anything provided by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal which is paid for, charged to, or reimbursed by a client or firm of such lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

"(B) Anything provided by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal to an entity that is maintained or controlled by a Member, officer, or employee.

"(C) A charitable contribution (as defined in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal on the basis of a designation, recommendation, or other specification of a Member, officer, or employee (not including a mass mailing or other solicitation directed to a broad category of persons or entities).

"(D) A contribution or other payment by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal to a legal expense fund established for the benefit of a Member, officer, or employee.

"(E) A charitable contribution (as defined in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal in lieu of an honorarium to a Member, officer, or employee.

"(F) A financial contribution or expenditure made by a lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal relating to a conference, retreat, or similar event, sponsored by or affiliated with an official congressional organization, for or on behalf of Members, officers, or employees.

"(3) The following are not gifts subject to the prohibition in subparagraph (1):

"(A) Anything for which the recipient pays the market value, or does not use and promptly returns to the donor.

"(B) A contribution, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) that is lawfully made under that Act, or attendance at a fundraising event sponsored by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"(C) Food or refreshments of nominal value offered other than as part of a meal.

"(D) Benefits resulting from the business, employment, or other outside activities of the spouse of a Member, officer, or employee if such benefits are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.

"(E) Pension and other benefits resulting from continued participation in an employee welfare and benefits plan maintained by a former employer.

"(F) Informational materials that are sent to the office of a Member, officer, or employee in the form of books, articles, periodicals, other written materials, audiotapes, videotapes, or other forms of communication.

"(4)(A) A gift given by an individual under circumstances which make it clear that the gift is given for a nonbusiness purpose and is motivated by a family relationship or close personal friendship and not by the position of the Member, officer, or employee shall not be subject to the prohibition in subparagraph (1).

"(B) A gift shall not be considered to be given for a nonbusiness purpose if the individual giving the gift seeks—

"(i) to deduct the value of such gift as a business expense on the individual's Federal income tax return, or

"(ii) direct or indirect reimbursement or any other compensation for the value of the gift from a client or employer of such lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

"(C) In determining if the giving of a gift is motivated by a family relationship or close personal friendship, at least the following factors shall be considered:

"(i) The history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including whether or not gifts have previously been exchanged by such individuals.

"(ii) Whether the gift was purchased by the individual who gave the item.

"(iii) Whether the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other Members, officers, or employees.

"(b) In addition to the restriction on receiving gifts from registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and agents of foreign principals provided by paragraph (a) and except as provided in this Rule, no Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall knowingly accept a gift from any other person.

"(c)(1) For the purpose of this clause, the term 'gift' means any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. The term includes gifts of services, training, transportation, lodging, and meals, whether provided in kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance, or reimbursement after the expense has been incurred.

"(2) A gift to the spouse or dependent of a Member, officer, or employee (or a gift to

any other individual based on that individual's relationship with the Member, officer, or employee) shall be considered a gift to the Member, officer, or employee if it is given with the knowledge and acquiescence of the Member, officer, or employee and the Member, officer, or employee has reason to believe the gift was given because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee.

"(d) The restrictions in paragraph (b) shall not apply to the following:

"(1) Anything for which the Member, officer, or employee pays the market value, or does not use and promptly returns to the donor.

"(2) A contribution, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) that is lawfully made under that Act, or attendance at a fundraising event sponsored by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"(3) Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal or family relationship unless the Member, officer, or employee has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee and not because of the personal or family relationship. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall provide guidance on the applicability of this clause and examples of circumstances under which a gift may be accepted under this exception.

"(4) A contribution or other payment to a legal expense fund established for the benefit of a Member, officer, or employee, that is otherwise lawfully made, if the person making the contribution or payment is identified for the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

"(5) Any food or refreshments which the recipient reasonably believes to have a value of less than \$20.

"(6) Any gift from another Member, officer, or employee of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

"(7) Food, refreshments, lodging, and other benefits—

"(A) resulting from the outside business or employment activities (or other outside activities that are not connected to the duties of the Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder) of the Member, officer, or employee, or the spouse of the Member, officer, or employee, if such benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position of the Member, officer, or employee and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances;

"(B) customarily provided by a prospective employer in connection with bona fide employment discussions; or

"(C) provided by a political organization described in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in connection with a fundraising or campaign event sponsored by such an organization.

"(8) Pension and other benefits resulting from continued participation in an employee welfare and benefits plan maintained by a former employer.

"(9) Informational materials that are sent to the office of the Member, officer, or employee in the form of books, articles, periodicals, other written materials, audiotapes, videotapes, or other forms of communication.

"(10) Awards or prizes which are given to competitors in contests or events open to the public, including random drawings.

"(11) Honorary degrees (and associated travel, food, refreshments, and entertainment) and other bona fide, nonmonetary awards presented in recognition of public service (and associated food, refreshments,

and entertainment provided in the presentation of such degrees and awards).

"(12) Donations of products from the State that the Member represents that are intended primarily for promotional purposes, such as display or free distribution, and are of minimal value to any individual recipient.

"(13) Food, refreshments, and entertainment provided to a Member or an employee of a Member in the Member's home State, subject to reasonable limitations, to be established by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

"(14) An item of little intrinsic value such as a greeting card, baseball cap, or a T shirt.

"(15) Training (including food and refreshments furnished to all attendees as an integral part of the training) provided to a Member, officer, or employee, if such training is in the interest of the House of Representatives.

"(16) Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death.

"(17) Any item, the receipt of which is authorized by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, or any other statute.

"(18) Anything which is paid for by the Federal Government, by a State or local government, or secured by the Government under a Government contract.

"(19) A gift of personal hospitality of an individual, as defined in section 109(14) of the Ethics in Government Act.

"(20) Free attendance at a widely attended event permitted pursuant to paragraph (e).

"(21) Opportunities and benefits which are—

"(A) available to the public or to a class consisting of all Federal employees, whether or not restricted on the basis of geographic consideration;

"(B) offered to members of a group or class in which membership is unrelated to congressional employment;

"(C) offered to members of an organization, such as an employees' association or congressional credit union, in which membership is related to congressional employment and similar opportunities are available to large segments of the public through organizations of similar size;

"(D) offered to any group or class that is not defined in a manner that specifically discriminates among Government employees on the basis of branch of Government or type of responsibility, or on a basis that favors those of higher rank or rate of pay;

"(E) in the form of loans from banks and other financial institutions on terms generally available to the public; or

"(F) in the form of reduced membership or other fees for participation in organization activities offered to all Government employees by professional organizations if the only restrictions on membership relate to professional qualifications.

"(22) A plaque, trophy, or other memento of modest value.

"(23) Anything for which, in exceptional circumstances, a waiver is granted by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

"(e)(1) Except as prohibited by paragraph (a), a Member, officer, or employee may accept an offer of free attendance at a widely attended convention, conference, symposium, forum, panel discussion, dinner, viewing, reception, or similar event, provided by the sponsor of the event, if—

"(A) the Member, officer, or employee participates in the event as a speaker or a panel participant, by presenting information related to Congress or matters before Congress, or by performing a ceremonial function appropriate to the Member's, officer's, or employee's official position; or

"(B) attendance at the event is appropriate to the performance of the official duties or

representative function of the Member, officer, or employee.

"(2) A Member, officer, or employee who attends an event described in subparagraph (1) may accept a sponsor's unsolicited offer of free attendance at the event for an accompanying individual if others in attendance will generally be similarly accompanied or if such attendance is appropriate to assist in the representation of the House of Representatives.

"(3) Except as prohibited by paragraph (a), a Member, officer, or employee, or the spouse or dependent thereof, may accept a sponsor's unsolicited offer of free attendance at a charity event, except that reimbursement for transportation and lodging may not be accepted in connection with the event.

"(4) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'free attendance' may include waiver of all or part of a conference or other fee, the provision of local transportation, or the provision of food, refreshments, entertainment, and instructional materials furnished to all attendees as an integral part of the event. The term does not include entertainment collateral to the event, or food or refreshments taken other than in a group setting with all or substantially all other attendees.

"(f) No Member, officer, or employee may accept a gift the value of which exceeds \$250 on the basis of the personal relationship exception in paragraph (d)(3) or the close personal friendship exception in section 106(d) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1994 unless the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct issues a written determination that one of such exceptions applies.

"(g)(1) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is authorized to adjust the dollar amount referred to in paragraph (c)(5) on a periodic basis, to the extent necessary to adjust for inflation.

"(2) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall provide guidance setting forth reasonable steps that may be taken by Members, officers, and employees, with a minimum of paperwork and time, to prevent the acceptance of prohibited gifts from lobbyists.

"(3) When it is not practicable to return a tangible item because it is perishable, the item may, at the discretion of the recipient, be given to an appropriate charity or destroyed.

"(h)(1)(A) Except as prohibited by paragraph (a), a reimbursement (including payment in kind) to a Member, officer, or employee for necessary transportation, lodging and related expenses for travel to a meeting, speaking engagement, factfinding trip or similar event in connection with the duties of the Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder shall be deemed to be a reimbursement to the House of Representatives and not a gift prohibited by this paragraph, if the Member, officer, or employee—

"(i) in the case of an employee, receives advance authorization, from the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works, to accept reimbursement, and

"(ii) discloses the expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed and the authorization to the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 30 days after the travel is completed.

"(B) For purposes of clause (A), events, the activities of which are substantially recreational in nature, shall not be considered to be in connection with the duties of a Member, officer, or employee as an officeholder.

"(2) Each advance authorization to accept reimbursement shall be signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works and shall include—

"(A) the name of the employee;

"(B) the name of the person who will make the reimbursement;

"(C) the time, place, and purpose of the travel; and

"(D) a determination that the travel is in connection with the duties of the employee as an officeholder and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

"(3) Each disclosure made under subparagraph (1)(A) of expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed shall be signed by the Member or officer (in the case of travel by that Member or officer) or by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the employee works (in the case of travel by an employee) and shall include—

"(A) a good faith estimate of total transportation expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(B) a good faith estimate of total lodging expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(C) a good faith estimate of total meal expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(D) a good faith estimate of the total of other expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

"(E) a determination that all such expenses are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in this paragraph; and

"(F) in the case of a reimbursement to a Member or officer, a determination that the travel was in connection with the duties of the Member or officer as an officeholder and would not create the appearance that the Member or officer is using public office for private gain.

"(4) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 'necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses'—

"(A) includes reasonable expenses that are necessary for travel—

"(i) for a period not exceeding 4 days including travel time within the United States or 7 days in addition to travel time outside the United States; and

"(ii) within 24 hours before or after participation in an event in the United States or within 48 hours before or after participation in an event outside the United States, unless approved in advance by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct;

"(B) is limited to reasonable expenditures for transportation, lodging, conference fees and materials, and food and refreshments, including reimbursement for necessary transportation, whether or not such transportation occurs within the periods described in clause (A);

"(C) does not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment other than that provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event; and

"(D) may include travel expenses incurred on behalf of either the spouse or a child of the Member, officer, or employee, subject to a determination signed by the Member or officer (or in the case of an employee, the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the officer or employee works) that the attendance of the spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the House of Representatives.

"(5) The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make available to the public all advance authorizations and disclosures of reimbursement filed pursuant to subparagraph (1) as soon as possible after they are received."

SEC. 404. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT.—Section 102(a)(2)(B) of the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. 102, App. 6) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Reimbursements accepted by a Federal agency pursuant to section 1353 of

title 31, United States Code, or deemed accepted by the Senate or the House of Representatives pursuant to Rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate or clause 4 of Rule XLIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives shall be reported as required by such statute or rule and need not be reported under this section."

(b) **REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION.**—Section 901 of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 (2 U.S.C. 31-2) is repealed.

(c) **SENATE PROVISIONS.**—

(1) **AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION.**—The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, on behalf of the Senate, may accept gifts provided they do not involve any duty, burden, or condition, or are not made dependent upon some future performance by the United States. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) **FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.**—The rules on acceptance of food, refreshments, and entertainment provided to a Member of the Senate or an employee of such a Member in the Member's home State before the adoption of reasonable limitations by the Committee on Rules and Administration shall be the rules in effect on the day before the effective date of this subtitle.

(d) **HOUSE PROVISION.**—The rules on acceptance of food, refreshments, and entertainment provided to a Member of the House of Representatives or an employee of such a Member in the Member's home State before the adoption of reasonable limitations by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall be the rules in effect on the day before the effective date of this subtitle.

SEC. —05. EXERCISE OF CONGRESSIONAL RULEMAKING POWERS.

Sections 201, 202, 203(c), and 203(d) of this subtitle are enacted by Congress—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, and pursuant to section 7353(b)(1) of title 5, United States Code, and accordingly, they shall be considered as part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of the House to which they specifically apply, and such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change such rules (insofar as they relate to that House) at any time and in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

SEC. —06. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle shall take effect on May 31, 1995.

FORD (AND FEINGOLD) AMENDMENT NO. 4

Mr. FORD (for himself and Mrs. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . USE OF FREQUENT FLYER MILES.

(A) **LIMITATION ON THE USE OF TRAVEL AWARDS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or any rule, regulation, or other authority, any travel award that accrues by reason of official travel of a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate or House of Representatives shall be considered the property of the Government and may not be converted to personal use.

(b) **REGULATION.**—The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-

tration of the Senate shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section—
(1) the term "travel award" means any frequent flyer, free, or discounted travel, or other travel benefit, whether awarded by coupon, membership, or otherwise; and
(2) the term "official travel" means travel engaged in the course of official business of the House of Representative and the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 5, 1995, to conduct a hearing to examine issues involving municipal, corporate, and individual investors in derivative products and the use of highly leveraged investment strategies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee (jointly with the Senate Budget Committee) for authority to meet on Thursday, January 5, for a hearing on S. 1, *Unfunded Mandates*.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 5, 1995, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

AN INTERVIEW WITH QUENTIN D. YOUNG

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, one of the people who has been calling for justice in the field of health care in this Nation for many years is Dr. Quentin Young.

Recently, he was interviewed by the Christian Century, and that interview was published. It contains so much common sense that I hope some of my colleagues will read what he has to say.

I ask to insert his comments at the end of my remarks.

A person does not have to agree with everything that he mentions in his interview to recognize that we should be doing much better and that our friends in Canada are doing much better.

My conversations with Canadian Members of Parliament suggest that there are some improvements that we

could make on the Canadian system, if we were to adopt a similar system. To suggest, as have so many in our country, that the Canadian system is a failure, is an outright falsehood. It is of interest that not a single Canadian Member of Parliament has introduced legislation to repeal the Canadian system.

The article follows:

HEALTH REFORM AND CIVIC SURVIVAL: AN INTERVIEW WITH QUENTIN D. YOUNG

(Since his days as a medical student at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Quentin D. Young has been engaged professionally and politically in issues of public health. Currently clinical professor of preventive medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago, Young is also national president of Physicians for a National Health Program. He has been a leading and tireless spokesman for health care reform. We spoke with him recently about the fate of the Clinton health care proposal and the alternative of a single-payer insurance system like Canada's.)

A year ago many people had high hopes for health care reform. It was at the top of President Clinton's agenda and it seemed to have widespread public support. Now the issue is dead, and perhaps a crucial political opportunity has been lost. What went wrong?

President Clinton produced an enormously complicated proposal, which left him vulnerable to attacks from across the spectrum. Those of us who support a single-payer plan thought that if the reform had been enacted the way he proposed, it would have been a dreadful disappointment and a step backward. By going the route he did, he was forced to rely on the whole insurance infrastructure and a real nightmare of managed competition. All these huge bureaus he proposed—they invited ridicule and defeat. From his public and private comments it is clear that he understands the redundancy and the parasitic role of the insurance industry: it adds nothing to the product and subtracts mightily. (Basically insurance agencies and conglomerates are in the business of finding reasons not to give care.) So in light of that, his proposal showed a lack of courage. Another form of cowardice was that he didn't come right out and call his mandated premium—which had all the force of law—a tax. So that's the President's contribution to the failure of reform.

The decisive factor was the appalling undermining of the democratic process that took place in Congress. At least \$150 million were spent on lobbying, on polls, on onslaughts from small business groups and others. In the face of this pressure, Congress became impotent. I think that viewing this activity intensified people's dislike of the political process. And I also think that there's a little bit of concern by those involved that perhaps the lobbyists engaged in overkill—that they created a sense of futility among the public. And power elites usually don't like to see a sense of futility among the public. Nor is it wholesome from the point of view of a reformer.

The conventional wisdom was—probably still is—that a single-payer plan is politically unfeasible.

Well, the route Clinton tried was politically unfeasible. His proposal couldn't have done any worse than it did. And winning isn't the whole thing. The big changes that have occurred in American politics—the abolition of slavery, the adoption of unemployment insurance and social security—did not happen in one swift action. There was a buildup of popular pressure and finally a breakthrough.